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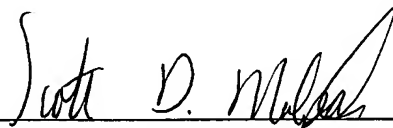
Claims 1-5, 10 and 11 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 being independent.

In order to expedite prosecution, Claims 6, 8, 9 and 12 have been cancelled. These claims were subject to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is not conceded, but will instead be taken up in a divisional application so as to expedite allowance of Claims 1-5, 10 and 11.

As Claims 1-5, 10 and 11 stand allowed, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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